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1. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON RIO
INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN REFTEL:

2. BELARMINO MARIA AUSTREGESILO DE ATHAYDE IS A 79-YEAR-
OLD JOURNALIST, AUTHOR AND LAWYER WHO FOR MANY YEARS HAS BEEN
PRESIDENT OF THE BRAZILIAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS. HE IS A LONG-
TIME FRIEND AND ADMIRER OF THE US, ONE OF BRAZIL'S MOST PROMI-
NENT INTELLECTUALS, A LIBERAL CATHOLIC, AND IS WELL KNOWN FOR
HIS DEMOCRATIC CONVICTIONS. HE WAS A DELEGATE TO THE UN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PARIS IN 1948, PARTICIPATING AS A MEMBER
OF THE THIRD COMMISSION IN THE DRAFTING OF THE UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN. HE WAS BRAZIL'S SIGNATORY
OF THE INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ATHAYDE'S
COMMENTS IN EARLY 1977 FAVORED PRESIDENT CARTER'S STRONG STAND
ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE UNITED STATES
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SHOULD TRY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE COUN-
TRIES WITH WHICH IT IS DEALING. HE HAS ALSO BEEN MILDLY
CRITICAL OF THE US ATTITUDE TOWARD BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR ACCORD
WITH WEST GERMANY, CHARACTERIZING THE POLICY AS INSULTING TO
BRAZIL. ATHAYDE DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH.

3. RAYMUNDO FAORO, THE 54-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT OF THE BRAZILIAN

BAR ASSOCIATION (OAB), WAS ELECTED TO HIS CURRENT POST IN APRIL 1977. A PROMINENT ATTORNEY AND AUTHOR (OS DONOS DO PODER - THE HOLDERS OF POWER, 1958; A PIRAMIDE E O TRAPEZIO - THE PYRAMID AND THE TRAPEZE), FAORO HAS ARTICULATED IN A FORCEFUL MANNER THE NEED TO RETURN THE BRAZILIAN JUDICIAL PROCESS TO A MORE FREELY FUNCTIONING ONE WITH GUARANTEES OF BASIC CIVIL LIBERTIES SUCH AS HABEAS CORPUS. FROM BRAZIL'S SOUTHERNMOST STATE, RIO GRANDE DO SUL, FAORO HAS STRONG BELIEFS THAT MAJOR ISSUES INVOLVING POLITICS AND LAW SHOULD BE PART OF AN OPEN SOCIETY, AND THAT THE CONSERVATIVE RIGHT WING ELEMENTS WITHIN BRAZIL ARE UNDULY AFRAID OF POTENTIAL DANGERS POSED BY COMMUNISTS. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW IN AUGUST 1977, FAORO DESCRIBED THE TITULAR HEAD OF THE BRAZILIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AS "AN INSIGNIFICANT AND EXAGGERATED MYTH." FAORO HAS DEDICATED HIMSELF TO RAISING THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION. HE TRAVELS WIDELY WITHIN BRAZIL AND HAS BEEN A CRITIC OF EXTRA-LEGAL VIGILANTE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE INFAMOUS "DEATH SQUADS". FAORO DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH.

4. MARCOS VINICIUS PRATINI DE MORAES, THE 38-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT OF THE US/BRAZILIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL, WAS A SCHOLARSHIP WINNER UNDER THE US AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND A GRADUATE OF THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH. PRATINI DE MORAES LATER SERVED IN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT STATE AND NATIONAL POSITIONS INVOLVING ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. HE HAS CON-

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SIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, PARTICULARLY BRAZILIAN/EASTERN EUROPEAN TRADE. IN 1970 HE BECAME THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT EMILIO GARRASTAZU MEDICI. PRATINI DE MORAES IS A STRONG CANDIDATE FOR A POSSIBLE CABINET-LEVEL POSITION IN THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. PRATINI DE MORAES SPEAKS ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

5. MARCOS PEREIRA VIANNA IS THE 47-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT OF THE BRAZILIAN NATIONAL BANK OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (BNDE), A POSITION HE HAS HELD SINCE 1970. VIANNA IS A CIVIL ENGINEER WHO HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER IN GOVERNMENT OR WITH GOVERNMENT OWNED CORPORATIONS. BEFORE ASSUMING HIS PRESENT POST HE WAS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE IMPORTANT MINISTERIAL-LEVEL SECRETARIAT OF PLANNING OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. PRIOR TO THAT HE WAS GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE VALLY OF RIO DOCE COMPANY, A LARGE GOVERNMENT MINING AGENCY. VIANNA HAS TRAVELLED WIDELY IN EUROPE AND ASIA, AND ALSO HAS VISITED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE STATES. AFTER THE US ELECTIONS IN 1976, HE MET WITH MEMBERS OF THEN PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S GROUP OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS TO DISCUSS THE WEST GERMAN/BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT. AT THAT MEETING VIANNA FORCEFULLY PRESENTED BRAZIL'S POSITION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DOMESTIC NUCLEAR

ENERGY INDUSTRY. VIANNA APPEARS TO HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE IN BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT (ECONOMICS) AND IS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR AN IMPORTANT POSITION IN THE NEXT FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION. VIANNA SPEAKS ENGLISH.

6. CARDINAL DOM EUGENIO DE ARAUJO SALLES, BORN IN 1920, WAS ORDAINED IN 1943, BECAME AUXILIARY BISHOP OF TIBICA AND NATAL IN JUNE 1954, AND TWO MONTHS LATER WAS CONSECRATED BISHOP OF NATAL. HE BECAME ARCHBISHOP OF SALVADOR IN OCTOBER 1968, CARDINAL IN APRIL 1969, AND IN 1971 BECAME ARCHBISHOP OF RIO DE JANEIRO. HE WAS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S YOUNGEST CARDINAL AT THE TIME OF HIS APPOINTMENT AND IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY POPE PAUL VI WHO, IN 1970, APPOINTED HIM CHAIRMAN OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE PAPAL JUSTICE AND PEACE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMISSION. CARDINAL SALLES WAS FOR MANY YEARS PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION OF THE COUNCIL OF LATIN AMERICAN BISHOPS AND HELD A SIMILAR POST IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF BRAZILIAN BISHOPS. HE IS DESCRIBED AS A MODERATE IN CHURCH-STATE MATTERS, A PROGRESSIVE IN SUCH SOCIAL ISSUES AS AGRARIAN REFORM, AND A CONSERVATIVE IN THEOLOGY. IN RECENT YEARS, HE HAS SOUGHT TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE MILITARY DOMINATED GOVERNMENT, HAVING GOOD ACCESS TO THE PAST THREE PRESIDENTS. WHILE SEEKING TO BE CONCILIATORY TOWARD THE CHURCH'S MORE LEFTIST ELEMENTS, HE HAS AT TIMES BEEN STRIDENT IN HIS CRITICISM OF RIGHT-WING CATHOLIC GROUPS. CARDINAL SALLES SPEAKS LATIN AND UNDERSTANDS SPANISH. HE REQUIRES AN INTERPRETER FOR ENGLISH. DEXTER

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